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There were millions upon milions of dollars to be expended, and as the points of construction neared each other, and the twin bands of iron crept along the carth's surface like two huge serpents, spanning mighty rivers, penetrating vast mountains, and trailing through majestic forests, creeping slowly but surely toward each other, there was always the greatest dread at the most advanced points, which, like the heads of serpents, always contained danger and death; and the vast cities of a day that then sprang into existence, and meited away like school children's snow-houses, were the points where such wild scenes were enacted as will probably never again occur in the history of railroad building. Everything contributed to make these

places typical of Babelic confusion, or Pandemoniac contention. Foreigners were told of the boundless opportunities and the limitless wealth of this new country which was being so rapidly developed, and they came; men-brave men, too-who had been on the wrong side during the civil war, and who had lost all, having staked everything on the result of the war, saw a possible opportunity of retrieving their fortunes rapidly, and they came; the big-headed youth of the village, whose smattering of books at the academy; or the seminary, had enlarged his brain and contracted his sense so that he was too good for the common duties and everyday drudgeries which, with patience, lead to success, learned of the glory and grand-eur of that new land, and he came; the speculating shark and the peculating clerk came; the almond-eyed sons of the Orient in herds—herds of quick-witted, patient, plodding beings who could be beaten, starved, even murdered—came; the forger, the bruiser, the counterfeiter, the gambier, the garroter, the prostitute, the robber, and the murderer, each and every, came; there was adventure for the adventurous gold for the thief, waiting throats for the murderer; while the few respectable people quickly became discouraged, and fell into the general looseness of habits that the life engendered, and gradually grew reckless as the most reckless, or quickly acquiesced in the wild orgies or startling crimes which were of common occurrence. As a rule, in these places, every man, whatever his business and condition, was

thoroughly armed, the question of self-defense being paramount, from the fact that laws which governed older communi-ties were a dead letter; and the law of might, in a few instances made somewhat respectable by a faint outline of rufflanly honor. Again, many lades are honor, alone prevailed, until advancing civilization and altered conditions brought about a better state of society; so that in these reckless crowds which pushed after the constantly changing termini of the ap-proaching roads, any instrument of blood-shed was considered valuable, and stores where arms and ammunition could be secured did quite as large a trade as those devoted to any other branch of business; while so outrageous was the price extorted for these instruments of aggression or defense, that they have often been known to sell for their weight in gold; and just as, during the war, the army was fol-lowed by enterprising traders who turned many an honest penny trafficking at the heels of the weary soldiers, so the same class of people were not slow to take advantage of such opportunities for gigan-tic profits which, though often lessened by the many risks run in such trading. were still heavy enough to prove peculiar-ly attractive.

As a consequence, there were many firms engaged in this particular business, but probably the heaviest was that of Kuhn Brothers, who were reported to be worth upwards of \$100,000, which had principally been made along the line of the road and who with headquarters at road, and who, with headquarters at

For this reason the firms were obliged to entrust their business to the honesty of many different employes, who were subject to the vitiating influences and temptations, which were unusual and severe under the circumstances already mentioned, while the distance between the points, and the scarcity of secure means of safely and the scarcity of secure safely and the scarcity of secure means of safely and the scarcity of secure means of safely and the scarcity of scarcing and scarcing a certain points, left Kuhn Brothers, in many instances, really dependent on those

dependent on them.
In this condition of affairs, and after a slight defalcation had occurred at one of their smaller stores in the Spring of 1887, the firm was seeking a man whom they could place in actual charge of one or two of their establishments at the large or two of their establishments at the larger towns, and give a sort of general supervision over the others, when the senior member of the firm, being in Laramie, casually met a young gentleman who happened to be able to do him so great a favor that the incident led to a close friendship and ultimate business relations, eventually resulting in this narrative of facts.

It was a pleasant May evening, and Mr. Kuhn had decided to return to Cheyenne in order to secure a proper man for

enne in order to secure a proper man for the superintendency nearer home. He was to have left Laramie for the East at a late hour of the evening, and being at a loss how to pass the intervening time, strolled out from the hotel with no particular destination in view and his mind fully occupied with the cares of his business, only occasionally noticing some peculiarity or strange sight among the thousands of weird things to which his frontier business had compelled him to become accustomed. when suddenly he found himself in front of a mammoth dance-house, and, yielding to a momentary impulse of curiosity, turn-ed into the place with the stream of gam-blers, adventurers, greasers, and, in fact, everybody, respectable or otherwise, who,

Every person who may have survived strikingly strange heaven of a mushroom the experience has undoubtedly a lively recollection of the wild groups of people which the building of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads brought together from all directions and from all causes.

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significance, a score of women, dancing and ogling with every manner of man, robbing them while embracing, cheering and drinking with them; the whole form-ing a scene viler than imagination or the pen of man can conceive or picture; group-ing of wild orgies and terrible debauch-ories such as would put Lucifor to such as would put Lucifer to a

## A TIMELY RESCUE.

Kuhn had strolled through the place, and now, out of compliment to general custom, purchased a cigar and was just the road, and who, with headquarters at Cheyenne, had established various "stores" at different points as the Union Pacific was pushed on, always keeping the largest stock at the most advanced point, and withdrawing stocks from the "paper cities" which had been left behind.

For this reason the firms were obliged to entrust their business to the honesty. to depart, when he suddenly found

must stand back!"

Then taking the terror-striken ammunition dealer by the coat collar with his left hand, but keeping his right hand free for quick use and certain work, if necessary, he trotted him through the now-excited throng and out into the open air hastly telling him to "cut for the hotel," which was quite unnecessary, as he made for that point at as lively a gait as his rather dumpy legs could carry him.

The person who had thus prevented the merchant's being robbed, and had also possibly saved his life, was a tall, comely young man of about 28 years, and with a complexion as fair as a woman's, pleasant, though determined, blue eyes, and a long, reddish, luxuriant beard, all of which, with a decidedly military cut to his gray woolen garments, and long, fair hair falling upon his shoulders—the whole crowned, or rather slouched over by a white hat of extraordinary width of brim, gave him the appearance of an ex-Confederate officer, and right good fellow, as the term goes, perfectly capable of caring

During the early morning of a blustering December day of the same year, I was quite annoyed by the persistence of a gentleman to see me, on what he insisted, in the business office of my Chicago agency, on terming "important business."

It was not later than half-past eight of letters, telegrams and communications of a different nature, which in my business, invariably accumulated during the night, and effect anxious to wade through it before taking up any other matter.

The gentleman, who gave the name of kuhn, seemed very anxious to see me, however, and letting drop the statements that he greatly desired to take the morning train for Cheyenne, where he resided; might not be able to be in Chicago again for some time; felt very desirous of seeing me personally; and would require but a few moments to explain his business, which he agreed to make explicit; I concluded to drop everything cise and see him.

Upon being used. gave him the appearance of an ex-Confederate officer, and right good fellow, as the term goes, perfectly capable of caring for himself wherever his fortune, or misfortune, might lead him; which proved the case as he turned and confronted the desperadors, who had immediately followed him in a threatening manner, and whom he stood ready to receive with a navy revolver half as long as his arm, mysteriously whipped from some hiding place, in each steady hand.

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he stood there, and a very casual survey of him, for that matter, would have in-stantly suggested the fact to an ordinary

ery other thing paled and dwindled to in-I his lots at Atlanta for whatever he could

ers in like circumstances had come West and taken his chances at retrieving his

The result of the evening's interview was the engagement of Taylor by the firm at a large salary; his immediately taking his management and habits were so able and irrepreachable that, with the grati-tude for his protection of Mr. Kuhn at Laramie still fresh and sincere, the firm felt that they had been most fortunate in their selection of an entire stranger, and were in every way gratified with the turn events had taken.

THE SUPERINTENDENT AN EMBEZZLER. During the early morning of a bluster-ing December day of the same year, I was

ing added largely to their stock at Laramie, and placed about \$20,000 worth of
goods at Benton City.

According to the agreement, he was required to forward money whenever the
sales had reached a stated sum at each
point, and was given authority to take
charge of goods or money on hand at any
of the less important stations, when convinced that things were being run loosely,
or whenever it appeared for the interests
of the firm for him to do so.

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begin business.

This was all; and I dismissed the swindled merchant with little encouragement as to the result of a chase for a thief who had got so much the advantage; or, rather, intimated to him that though I had no doubts of being able to eventual-I had no doubts of being able to eventually catch him, it would be rather a poor investment for the firm to expend the amount of money which might be necessary to effect his capture, unless, in looking into the matter further, I should be

ing into the matter further, I should be able to see opportunities for securing much better knowledge as to his present whereabouts, or clues which could be made to lead to them.

With this not very cheering assurance, Mr. Kuhn returned to Cheyenne.

Not hearing from the firm for several days, I finally dismissed the matter entirely from ray mind; but on arriving at the agency one morning, I received instructions from the Cheyenne firm to proceed in the matter, and with all expedition

La Grange, r'so originally from the South, had been a quite intimate friend of Tay-lor's—so much so, in fact, that La Grange had for the last six mouths regularly cor-responded with the Captain's sister, who had been described to him as not only an exceedingly beautiful woman, but as

also a lady possessed of unusual accom-plishments and amiability.

My son "cultivated" La Grange largely, but could secure but little information through him. He seemed to know nothing further concerning either Taylor or his family, save that he had incidentally met him along the line of the Union Pacific; they had naturally taken a sort of liking to each other, and in that way became friends in much the same manner that most friendships were made in that country. He further recollected that he had always directed his letters to a certain

thorough search among his papers failed reveal it. This was all that my son could secure, supervision of the business, without bonds as La Grange, evidently suspecting that, or any security whatever; and for a time in his surprise at Taylor's crime, he might in his surprise at Taylor's crime, he might say something to compromise himself and endanger Taylor or wound his beautiful sister, to whom he seemed greatly attached, positively refused to have anything further to say concerning the matter; and with what information he had William returned to the hotel in brown undy determined to the hotel in brown undy determined. study, determined to take time to exhaust the material at Cheyenne before proceeding on the proposed trip along the Union Pacific.

Union Pacific.

After summing up and arranging the points he had got hold of, he telegraphed me fully, adding his, own impression that Taylor was in Texas, but expressing a doubt as to whether he had better proceed along the Union Pacific for more information or go on to Philadelphia at once, and in some way secure information of the family as to their son's whereabouts.

On the receipt of this telegram, which on the receipt of this telegram, which arrived in Chicago about noon, I at once resolved upon a little strategy, being myself satisfied that Taylor had proceeded, via St. Louis and New Orleans, into either Texas or Mexico, and was then engaged under his own or an assumed name, in some business agreeable to his taste, as formerly explained to Mr. Kuhn, and immediately telegraphed to my son:

"Keep La Grange busied all day so he cannot write or mail letters. Study La Grange's language and modes of expres-

sion. Get La Grange's and Taylor's hand-writing, signatures, and Miss Taylor's ad-dress and come next train." Agreeable to these instructions, he secured several letters from Taylor to Kuhn Brothers, concerning business matters, with the last one containing the announcement that he would be in Cheyenne on the 10th of October with collections; and immediately sent by a massager.

mediately sent by a messenger a courteous note to La Grange, desiring an outline of

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he your brother.
"In great haste,
"Your true friend,
"ADOLPH LA G-"P. S .- I leave here for the East this morning. Please answer on imme receipt. This was posted on the eastern-bound

structions from the Cheyenne firm to proceed in the matter, and with all expedition possible endeavor to cage the embezzler for them.

SEARCHING FOR A CLUE.

I at once detailed Wm. A. Pinkerton, my eldest son, to proceed to Cheyenne, and look over the ground thoroughly there, and also, if necessary, to proceed along the line of the Union Pacific, and, after ascertaining who were Talyor's friends and companions, work up a trail through them, which would eventually bring him down. The latter course was not necessary to be followed, however, as on arriving at Cheyenne, with some little information gleaned from the firm, he was able to ascertain that a young lawyer there named La Grange, s'so originally from the South. with this document, with the assistance of the epistolary self-introduction which had preceded it, I directed my son to leave for Philadelphia that evening, secure admission to Taylor's residence and the family's confidence, agreeable to the appointment made by mail, and thus not only secure the man's photograph, but other information that would be definite.

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EDITORIAL NOTE. - The Author's son, afterwards himself a famous detective, undertakes to run down the embezzler, and in the course of his work meets with many thrilling adventures.

and taken his chances at retrieving his fortness.

This was told in a frank, straightforward way, which seemed to completely captivate Mr. Kuhn, for he at once spoke to Taylor concerning his business in Laramic, and bluntly asked him, in the event of mutual and satisfactory references being exchanged, whether he would accept the engagement as Superintendent of his business over that portion of the road, and take actual charge of the store in that place, and the one about to be established at Benton City.

The result of the evening's interview This is particularly cruel at this juncture, when the rapidly increasing age and disabilities of the veterans and their widows are so importunate for relief. It is now or never with them. Boom towns can wait a little longer for coatte paper. a little longer for costly public buildings; officials may wait a little longer for an increase of their already liberal salaries; chamorous office-seekers may make their living some other way a little while longer; various jobs and schemes need not be in mortal haste, but the needs of the veter-ans and their widows are immediate, crying, and not to be denied, while humanity rules."

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train not an hour after my son's arrival from the West; and another note was written upon the back of an envelope which had passed through the mail, and had got a very much used appearance, and

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